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WHITE-WINGED DOVE IN DAWSON COUNTY?

On 3 July 1988 my wife and I saw a dove south of Cozad. We were driving at road speed, and not really bird watching. I caught a glimpse of white on the dove's wings as it flew and by the time I got stopped the dove circled about .25 mile away. We never got our binoculars on the dove at all, but we both noted the white trailing edge of the wings and on the tail. We are not sure enough to claim anything. I have been by there 15 to 20 times since then and have not seen it again.

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I have seen White-winged Doves in Texas. My parents saw a dove with large, white wing patches, so my guess is that it was a White-winged Dove. The only other possibility is that it was a partially albino Mourning Dove. I'm not sure what the chances are that a partial albino bird would have symmetric patches on the wings. My folks said the patches were symmetrical.

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